



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

What Truly Satisfies

As we move fully into November, I encourage you to continue following the reading plan for The Bible Year, which extends through the end of December (you can access those readings [here](#)). While we follow this plan, our worship this Sunday will take a slight detour to reflect on the season we are in: stewardship.

I know what you're thinking—you're scrolling down to get to the rest of the newsletter. Please pause for just a moment, because stewardship is more than a task on a to-do list; it is crucial to living a fulfilled life. The word "stewardship" literally means "to take care of something," and it begins with taking care of ourselves in the ways that matter most. Perhaps if we called these Sundays "reflections on self-care", we might all feel a little lighter! Our faith, and God's wisdom expressed through Scripture, has so much to offer on the journey to a meaningful, abundant life. Why would we not want to participate in that offering?

This Sunday, we turn to the prophet Isaiah for guidance. Isaiah 55:1–2a reads:

***"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food."***

Through these words, God calls to a weary people—then and now—who have spent their energy chasing things that can never truly satisfy. Our culture tells us that happiness can be bought, that success comes from accumulation, and that contentment depends on possessions. But God offers something radically different: an invitation to come, eat, and delight in what truly satisfies.

At Denver UMC, we understand stewardship not as obligation, but as trust. When we give, when we share, when we invest in God's work through our church, we are making a

statement with our lives: "I believe there is enough."

As Walter Brueggemann reminds us, "the world runs on anxiety, but the gospel invites us into trust." Stewardship is our response to that invitation—a way of living in God's abundance rather than the world's scarcity.

May this season of stewardship be an opportunity for all of us to rediscover what truly satisfies: the goodness of God, the joy of generosity, and the blessing of belonging to a community shaped by grace.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Stay connected to our new sermon series [The Bible Year: A Journey Through Scripture in 365 Days](#) with these resources:

- To access daily readings from [The Bible Year](#), click [here](#).
- If you wish to purchase the book or a study guide, click [here](#).



Watch ["The Bible Year Podcast"](#) with DUMC & HUMC



Contemporary Worship Playlist

This Sunday's service is a Blended Contemporary service at 10:00 in the FLC. To hear this Sunday's music early and prepare your hearts, please click the icon below.





Due to the exciting Sanctuary light renovations, November's worship schedule will look different. Every Sunday in November will be one single service at **10:00 a.m. in various locations**. Please see the schedule below:

- November 9th:** Blended Contemporary Service in **FLC**
- November 16th:** Blended Contemporary Service in **FLC**
- November 23rd:** Combined Service in **Sanctuary**
- November 30th:** Combined Service in **Sanctuary**

Please make note of the changes in the worship schedule and plan to come together at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in November as *one Body of believers, lifting one voice to our amazing God!*



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

GENEROSITY REPORT

**Total Received =
\$919,595**

(\$21,385 average per Sunday)

2024 Comparison = \$886,714
(\$20,621 Average per Sunday)

**2025 Ministry Operations
Budget = \$1,442,316**



For questions about giving, please reach out to Cameron Wilson at finance@denverumc.org. We appreciate your generosity and support!

Give now



CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

Click or touch the calendar to enlarge

Upcoming Events

- 11/8 9am | **Sisterhood Event** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 11/9 10am | **Combined Worship in FLC** | worship@denverumc.org
- 11/11 **Veterans Day / Church Office Closed** | news@denverumc.org
- 11/12 4pm/6:45pm | **Leadership Discipleship Experience** | discipleship@denverumc.org
- 11/12 5:30pm | **Table Talk** | discipleship@denverumc.org
- 11/13 11am | **J.O.Y. Group Meeting** | rosannekocher@gmail.com
- 11/16 4pm | **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com
- 11/22 9am | **Rake 'n Run** | richjuliebenson@gmail.com
- 11/23 5pm | **Feed the Hunger Food Packing Event** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 11/24 6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | council@denverumc.org
- 11/25 11am | **ICare Roof Replacement Event** | shelton.moore@icare-inc.org
- 11/26 **Church Office Closed** (thru 11/30) | news@denverumc.org
- 12/1 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

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The Bible Year



LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



You're Invited!

The congregation is invited to celebrate the marriage of Aniyah Poston and Cameron Smith, Saturday, November 8, at 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Reception will follow in the CORC.

Sisterhood Event - This Saturday, November 8th!



Register for Sisterhood

Registration is still open for this week's Sisterhood event! Ladies of all ages are invited to join us in the CORC at 9:00 a.m. for worship, breakfast, and fellowship, and then break into groups to create a unique Sisterhood Bracelet, a fresh Magnolia Leaf Wreath, decoupage Christmas Coasters, or wooden Christmas Tree Decor. Click the button above to register. Contact [Janet Chubb](#) to donate breakfast items. See you there!



Log Cabin Award

DUMC is being recognized for contributing to Hurricane Helene recovery in WNC. The Log Cabin award is given by the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to congregations for extraordinary service to communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. Mrs. Pam Carter, the wife of our resident bishop, will be here this Sunday to present the award to the church at our blended 10 a.m. service.



J.O.Y. Group Meeting - November 13

Detective Chris Estrada from Lincoln County will be speaking to our group about a concerning topic to all of us...SCAMS!! Please join us at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 13th, in the CORC. Lunch will be provided, including homemade desserts! Please RSVP to rosannekocher@gmail.com by November 9th. Anyone aged 50 or over is invited!

Reminder: we will be decorating Christmas bags for shut-ins immediately following our meeting. Anyone who is able to stay and help are invited. If anyone has a glue gun we can use, please bring it to the meeting.

Wednesdays This Fall!



Table Talk - Wednesday Evenings

Enjoy fellowship with others over dinner with a brief devotional time. Dinner is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family (max.). [Email David Washco](#) with questions.



The Leadership Discipleship Experience

If you are a new believer or well on your path to Christian maturity, you are invited to be



New Bible Study for the Fall!

The Gospel of Matthew will be taught by Pastor Steve. The study is designed to engage participants in conversation, allowing us to learn from one another. Please bring your

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the FLC

November 12 menu:

Soup and ham and cheese sandwiches

November 19 menu:

Pancakes with bacon and sausage

a part of this great experience. This is a ten-week journey designed to move beyond surface-level faith and into deep, life-changing transformation.

Two options:

4:00-5:30 p.m. in the CORC

6:45-8:00 p.m. in the CORC

Bible and an inquiring mind as we seek to discern how God is speaking to us today through Holy Scripture. **One note:** For those who feel like they do not know the Bible well enough to come to an open study, please do not shy away. The point is for everyone to learn together, regardless of biblical knowledge.

Register for LDE

6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Click any of the buttons below for quick access to DUMC resources!

What We Believe

Emails &
Texts

Prayer
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Sanctuary Flowers

Connection Groups

Resources & Forms

Women

Helping Hands

Worship Times

Podcasts

Men



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Helping Hands

building community through service

HandUp Newsletter

Helping Hands

Find ways to serve our neighbors through the many ministries and partnerships of Helping Hands! Click the November HandUp Newsletter for current needs and opportunities. Contact [Helping Hands](#) with questions.



Backpacks for Kids Food Drive!

We're hosting a food drive for our Backpacks for Kids ministry. This program supports food-insecure families with children at Rock Springs Elementary, both campuses of Lincoln Charter, and North Lincoln Middle and High Schools. Please consider donating canned meals (Ravioli, stew, soup), canned meat (chicken, ham, Vienna sausage), peanut butter, and canned fruit and vegetables. Donations may be dropped off in the church office or in the FLC before worship services. Donations may also be purchased by clicking [here](#) for the ministry's Amazon wish list. Thank you for supporting these vulnerable neighbors!

Handicap Ramp Build - Tomorrow, November 7th!

Join our Building and Repair Team Friday morning at 9:00 am to build a ramp and bless a neighbor! Contact Wally, wzm.fish@gmail.com, for details.



Missional Network Day of Service - November 15th!

Gather with neighbors from partner churches to bless families unable to complete outdoor projects without assistance at 9:00 am Saturday, November 15th. Contact Denzil, denzilmbell@gmail.com, for details.



Hurricane Melissa Relief Efforts

Please continue to pray for Jamaica and Cuba in the aftermath of this devastating hurricane. To support relief efforts, donations are being accepted by check, payable DUMC with Hurricane Melissa Relief on the memo line, or by clicking [here](#) and designating your giving to Hurricane Melissa Relief. We're relying on UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, to provide what's needed on our behalf, knowing that 100% of donations will go directly to relief efforts.



Operation Christmas Child

It's that time again! Pick up your shoe boxes before or after each worship service. Fill them with small gifts to bless children around the world and return them to the church by Sunday, November 16th. Shoe boxes will also be available in the church office during business hours. Thank you for consistently supporting this ministry! Click [here](#) for suggested shoebox items.



100 Stockings!

Every year, we fill 100 Christmas stockings (made by our Sewing Ladies) for Lincoln County Schools' Social Workers. These ladies give them to middle and high school students who need encouragement or added support during the Christmas season. The stockings contain essential toiletries, gift cards, and other items. If you, or a group you're a part of, are interested in donating 50 or 100 of a specific item, please [email Carol Brown](#).



Feed the Hunger Food Packing Event - November 23rd

Once again, we're coming together on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the FLC to pack more than 27,000 meals that will feed families in crisis regionally and around the world! Everyone is needed for this fun event! Click [here](#) to reserve your spot. Email [Cortni Rose](#) if childcare is needed for young children.

We also need six volunteers to come at 2:00 p.m. to help set up the workstations. Contact outreach@denverumc.org to

volunteer.



Sewing Ministry Donations

The Sewing Ladies need cotton fabric for their projects. If you have leftover **cotton fabric that is 1 yard or more in length**, please drop it off at the church office.



Rake n' Run - November 22nd!

Mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, November 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. to rake, bag, and remove leaves for neighbors who would have a difficult time completing the tasks themselves. Bring your rakes, blowers, tarps, trucks, and friends to enjoy this fall tradition! Contact Rich at richjuliebenson@gmail.com to help!



DISCIPLESHIP

Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

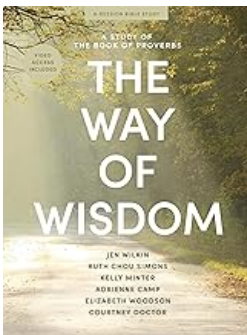
Discipleship Opportunities

Email David Washco with any questions!

Sunday Small Group/Sunday School hour is
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Email David Washco](#)

Click [HERE](#) for specific **Sunday school classes**,
weekday Bible studies, **Wednesday night**, and
small group offerings with locations and
descriptions.



Friday Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday Ladies' Bible study will begin a new study on November 14. The study is "The Way of Wisdom" (Proverbs) by several of the Lifeway Ladies. We meet in the Chapel from 10:00-12:00. If you would like Sara to order you a book, please text her at 704-230- 9004. The book is \$25. Babysitting is available upon request.



Open Circle

Open Circle is a place for anyone new to Denver UMC who is eager to meet new friends. Led by Pastor Steve and others, we meet every Sunday morning from 10:10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. in the CORC with coffee and snacks in a casual atmosphere. We'd love to meet you! Contact Belinda Worsham for more information!

[Email Belinda Worsham](#)



Men's Alliance - Sunday Nights!

Sunday nights | 6:00 p.m. | Rain or Shine

Join us for a rugged workout and real devotion.

Click [here](#) for the video. For more information, [email Caleb Hendren](#).

Men's Alliance



Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

Looking for a supportive community where you can grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and embrace a healthier lifestyle? Look no further! Denver United Methodist Church invites you to join our Women's Alliance Tribe, a vibrant and empowering group of all ages dedicated to uplifting women just like you! **Participation is free.** For more information, reach out to Amy Washco at 828-234-9111 or visit [Women's Alliance](#). Bring a friend! You don't have to be a member of DUMC to participate – the more, the merrier!

Women's Alliance

Connect

Video Series

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Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



Harbor Youth Calendar

Click on the calendar for a larger image

Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!

| November | December |
|--|---|
| Nov 2 Daylight Savings | Dec 6 Kids Christmas Party |
| Nov 8 Sisterhood Event | Dec 14 Youth Christmas Party |
| Nov 19 Final Table Talk | Dec 21 No Youth |
| Nov 22 Rake 'n Run | Dec 21 Breakfast with Santa |
| Nov 23 Feed The Hunger & Sunday Funday | Dec 21 Christmas Caroling |
| Nov 23 No Youth | Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services: 2, 5, 11 |
| Nov 27 Thanksgiving | Dec 28 No Youth |
| Nov 30 No Youth | |



Sign Up to Help With Sunday Night Meals!

Dinner is getting a fresh spin to become an elevated concession-style. We'd love for friends & parents to be part of the evening by sponsoring a meal and/or helping run the concession stand. While you're absolutely welcome to, **there is NO cooking required**— you can choose to just serve snacks and drinks, and we'd love if you'd bring along a dessert to share! You can scan the QR or click the button below to sign up to sponsor a youth meal!

[Sponsor a Youth Meal](#)

Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Instagram!

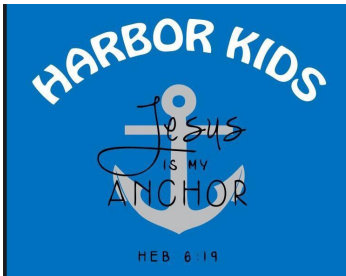
[Email Harbor Youth](#)

Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!



HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



We are committed to helping your child grow in every aspect of their relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of His Word. Thank you for your support and prayer!

Harbor Kids is open every Sunday 8:45 a.m. - noon!

We have programs at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m., join us for hands-on activities to help serve our community!

Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!

To register for the Harbor Kids Christmas party or Breakfast with Santa, click on the image or scan the QR code below the picture.



Harbor Kids Calendar

Click on the calendar for a larger image

Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

| September | October | November |
|---|---|---|
| Sept 17 Table Talk Every Wed. until Nov 19 Sept 15-19 Asheville Relief Mission Trip Sept 28 DUMC Ministry Fair | Oct 25 Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Oct 25 Car Show | Nov 2 Daylight Savings Nov 8 Sisterhood Event Nov 11 Veteran's Day Nov 22 Rake 'n Run Nov 23 Feed The Hunger Nov 27 Thanksgiving Nov 30 Combined Worship Service |



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blue events are DUMC led

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